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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DECONTAMINATING MAIL

## **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED DRAWING CORRECTIONS**

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents PO BOX 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In FIG. 4A, Applicants propose adding reference numberal 411 as shown in the attached redline to reference the door as described in the specification.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review and approve the proposed drawing corrections. A redline sketch is provided.

If the Examiner believes that additional issues may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicants at (203) 924-3180.

## **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450,Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on <u>July 13, 2004 (Date of Deposit)</u>
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No fee, is believed due with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the response or credit any overpayment to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-428.

In the event that an extension of time or additional extension of time is required to make this response timely filed, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-428.

Respectfully submitted,

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